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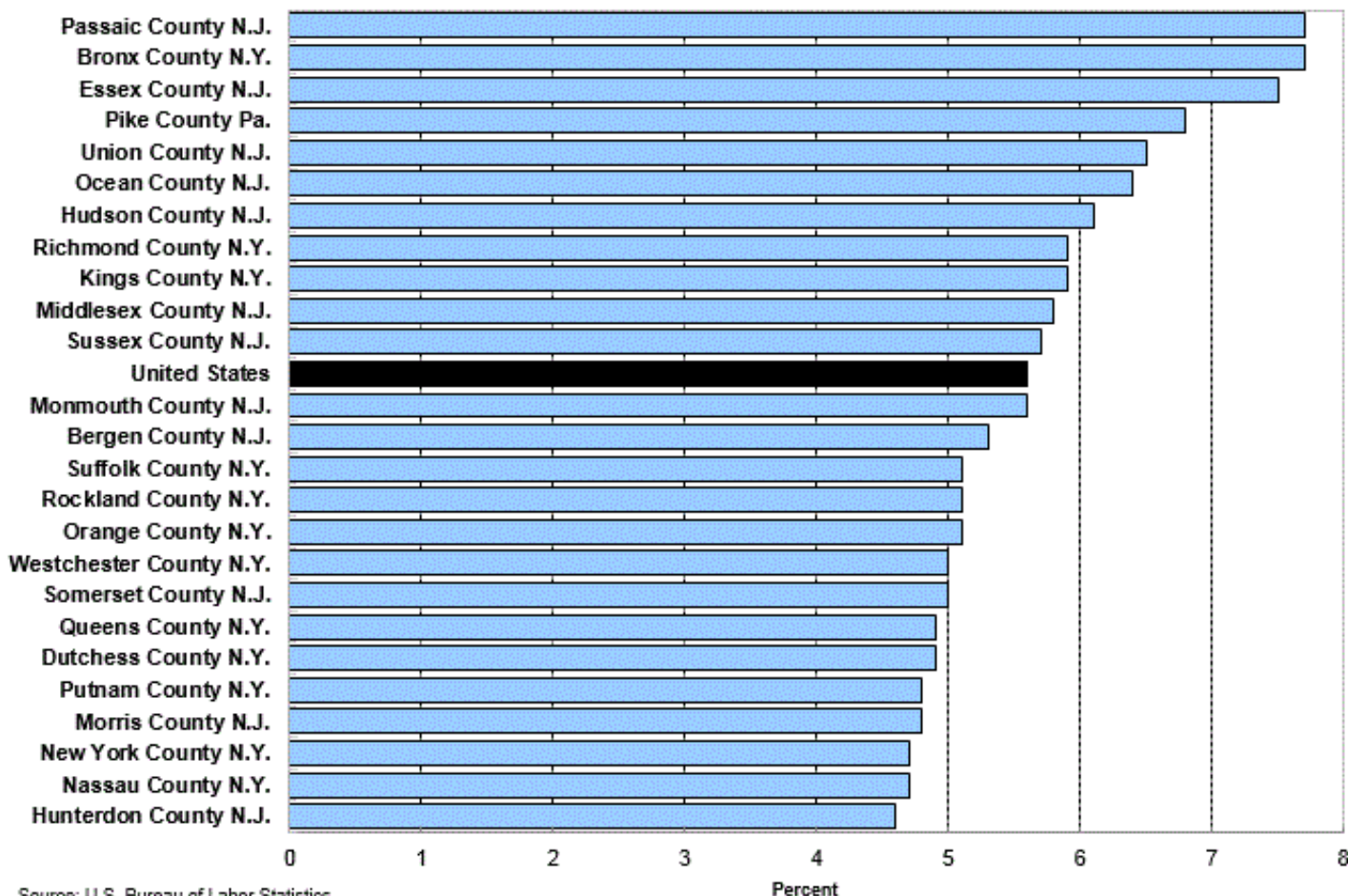
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Unemployment in the New York Area by County – July 2015

Unemployment Rates in All Area Counties Declined Over the Year

In July, Hunterdon County, N.J., had the lowest unemployment rate in the New York-Newark-Jersey City, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area at 4.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Chief Regional Economist Martin Kohli noted that 13 of the 25 counties that make up the metropolitan area had lower jobless rates than the U.S. average of 5.6 percent and 11 had higher rates. Bronx County, N.Y., and Passaic County, N.J. had the highest rate (7.7 percent each). (See [chart 1](#) and [chart 2](#). The Technical Note at the end of this release contains the metropolitan area definitions. All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted; accordingly, over-the-year analysis is used throughout.)

Chart 1. Unemployment rates for the United States and counties in the New York-Newark-Jersey City, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area, July 2015, not seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

All 25 counties in the New York area had lower unemployment rates in July 2015 than one year earlier, with the rate in Bronx, N.Y., declining the most, 2.4 percentage points. The smallest jobless rate decrease, 0.3 percentage point, was in Nassau and Rockland Counties in N.Y. The U.S. unemployment rate decreased 0.9 percentage points over the year; 10 area counties had declines within 0.2 percentage points of the U.S. decrease. (See [table 1.](#))

Unemployment rates in the 25 New York-area counties were lower in July 2015 than in July 2013. Bronx County, N.Y., had the largest jobless rate decrease at 4.5 percentage points, while Nassau and Rockland Counties, N.Y., had the smallest decrease at 1.3 points. Over the last 2 years, 13 area counties had decreases larger than the national decline of 2.1 percentage points, while 11 had smaller decreases.

The July 2014 unemployment rates for the four metropolitan divisions in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metropolitan area were 4.9 percent in the Dutchess County-Putnam County, N.Y. and Nassau County-Suffolk County, N.Y. divisions; 5.7 percent in the New York-Jersey City-White Plains, N.Y.-N.J. division; and 6.1 percent in the Newark, N.J.-Pa. division. Since July 2014, the New York division had an unemployment rate decrease of 1.4 percentage points. The Newark division had a rate decline of 0.8 percentage point, and the Dutchess and Nassau divisions had declines of 0.5 and 0.4 point, respectively.

The Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment news release for August is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

Technical Note

This release presents unemployment rate data for states and counties from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program, a federal-state cooperative endeavor.

Definitions. The labor force and unemployment data are based on the same concepts and definitions as those used for the official national estimates obtained from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a sample survey of households that is conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the U.S. Census Bureau. The LAUS program measures employment and unemployment on a place-of-residence basis. The universe for each is the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Employed persons are those who did any work at all for pay or profit in the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month) or worked 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or farm, plus those not working who had a job from which they were temporarily absent, whether or not paid, for such reasons as labor-management dispute, illness, or vacation. Unemployed persons are those who were not employed during the reference week (based on the definition above), had actively looked for a job sometime in the 4-week period ending with the reference week, and were currently available for work; persons on layoff expecting recall need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed. The labor force is the sum of employed and unemployed persons. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Methods of Estimation. The LAUS program is a hierarchy of non-survey methodologies for indirectly estimating employment and unemployment in states and local areas. Statewide data are produced through a modeling technique that uses estimates of payroll jobs from the Current Employment Statistics survey and unemployment insurance claims counts from the state workforce agencies to mitigate volatility in the direct CPS tabulations of employment and unemployment, respectively. Data for labor market areas, such as metropolitan areas and metropolitan divisions, are produced through a building block approach and adjusted

proportionally to state model-based totals. Data for counties within labor market areas are produced through a disaggregation technique. A detailed description of the LAUS estimation procedures is available in chapter 4 of the BLS Handbook of Methods at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch4.htm.

Annual revisions. Labor force and unemployment data for prior years reflect adjustments made at the end of each year, usually implemented with January estimates. The adjusted estimates reflect updated population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, any revisions in the other data sources, and model reestimation. All substate estimates are reestimated and adjusted to add to the revised model-based estimates.

Area definitions. The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, dated February 28, 2013. A detailed list of the geographic definitions is available at www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm.

The **New York-Newark-Jersey City Metropolitan Statistical Area** consists of New York City, Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties in New York; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey; and Pike County in Pennsylvania.

The **Dutchess County-Putnam County Metropolitan Division** consists of Dutchess and Putnam Counties in New York.

The **Nassau County-Suffolk County Metropolitan Division** consists of Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York.

The **Newark Metropolitan Division** consists of Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey and Pike County in Pennsylvania.

The **New York-Jersey City-White Plains Metropolitan Division** consists of New York City and Orange, Rockland, and Westchester Counties in New York; and Bergen, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Passaic Counties in New Jersey.

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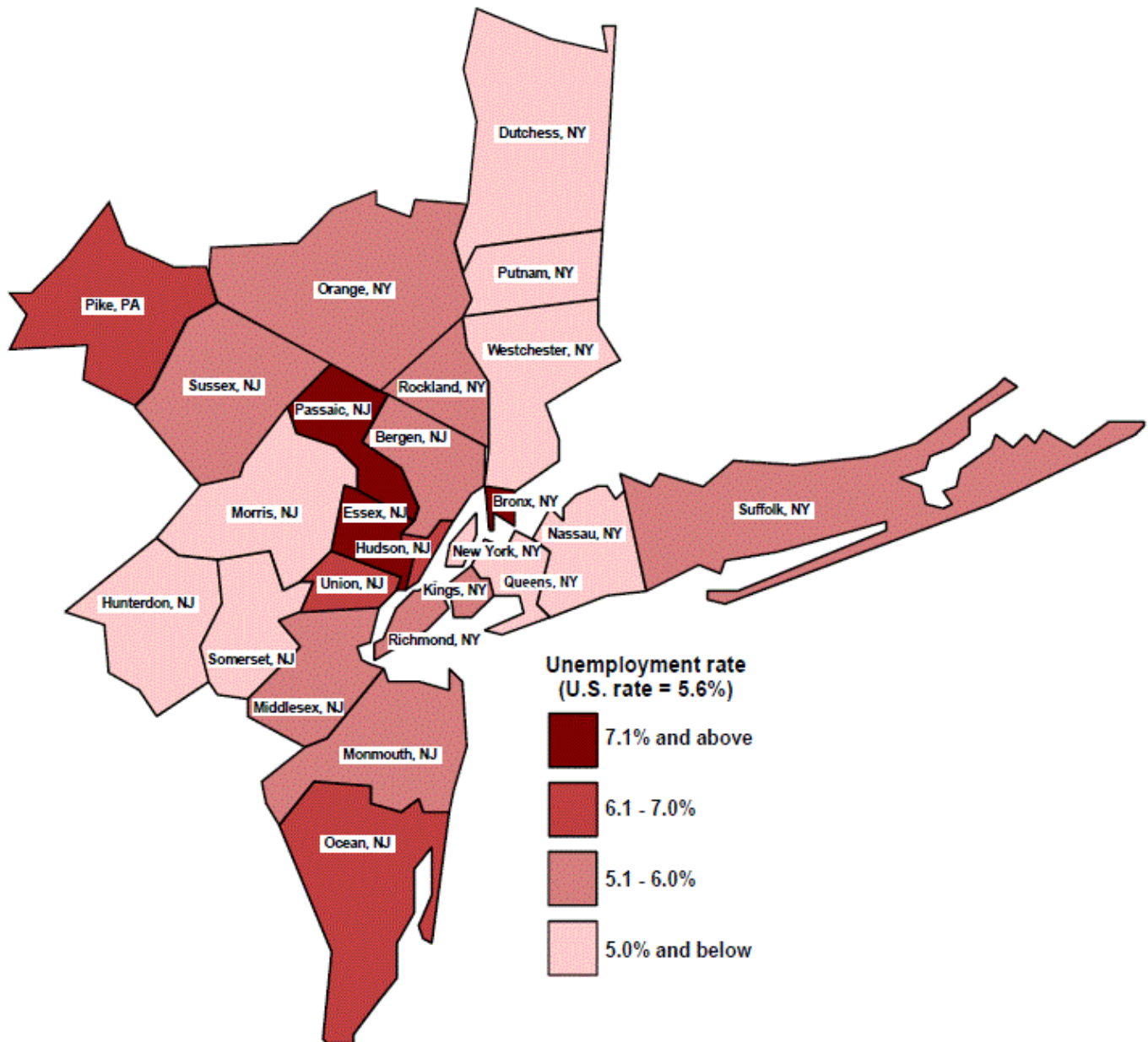
Table 1. Unemployment rates for the United States, the New York-Newark-Jersey City, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area, and its components, not seasonally adjusted

Area	Unemployment rates			Net change from	
	July 2013	July 2014	July 2015 ⁽¹⁾	July 2013 to July 2015 ⁽¹⁾	July 2014 to July 2015 ⁽¹⁾
United States.....	7.7	6.5	5.6	-2.1	-0.9
New York-Newark-Jersey City, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area.....	8.2	6.8	5.6	-2.6	-1.2
New York-Jersey City-White Plains, N.Y.-N.J. Metropolitan Division.....	8.6	7.1	5.7	-2.9	-1.4
New York City, N.Y.....	9.2	7.6	5.6	-3.6	-2.0
Bronx County, N.Y.....	12.2	10.1	7.7	-4.5	-2.4
Kings County, N.Y.....	9.8	8.1	5.9	-3.9	-2.2
New York County, N.Y.....	7.7	6.3	4.7	-3.0	-1.6
Queens County, N.Y.....	8.1	6.6	4.9	-3.2	-1.7
Richmond County, N.Y.....	9.4	7.8	5.9	-3.5	-1.9
Orange County, N.Y.....	7.0	5.7	5.1	-1.9	-0.6
Rockland County, N.Y.....	6.4	5.4	5.1	-1.3	-0.3
Westchester County, N.Y.....	6.4	5.4	5.0	-1.4	-0.4
Bergen County, N.J.	7.2	6.0	5.3	-1.9	-0.7
Hudson County, N.J.	8.5	7.0	6.1	-2.4	-0.9
Middlesex County, N.J.....	7.9	6.6	5.8	-2.1	-0.8
Monmouth County, N.J.....	7.8	6.3	5.6	-2.2	-0.7
Ocean County, N.J.	9.1	7.3	6.4	-2.7	-0.9
Passaic County, N.J.	10.4	8.7	7.7	-2.7	-1.0
Dutchess County-Putnam County, N.Y. Metropolitan Division.....	6.5	5.4	4.9	-1.6	-0.5
Dutchess County, N.Y.....	6.6	5.5	4.9	-1.7	-0.6
Putnam County, N.Y.	6.2	5.2	4.8	-1.4	-0.4
Nassau County-Suffolk County, N.Y. Metropolitan Division.....	6.3	5.3	4.9	-1.4	-0.4
Nassau County, N.Y.....	6.0	5.0	4.7	-1.3	-0.3
Suffolk County, N.Y.....	6.6	5.5	5.1	-1.5	-0.4
Newark, N.J.-Pa. Metropolitan Division.....	8.3	6.9	6.1	-2.2	-0.8
Essex County, N.J.	10.2	8.5	7.5	-2.7	-1.0
Hunterdon County, N.J.	6.3	5.2	4.6	-1.7	-0.6
Morris County, N.J.	6.6	5.4	4.8	-1.8	-0.6
Somerset County, N.J.	6.8	5.6	5.0	-1.8	-0.6
Sussex County, N.J.	8.3	6.7	5.7	-2.6	-1.0
Union County, N.J.	8.8	7.3	6.5	-2.3	-0.8
Pike County, Pa.....	9.9	7.7	6.8	-3.1	-0.9

Footnotes

(1) Data for the New York-Newark-Jersey City, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area and its components are preliminary for the most recent month.

Chart 2. Unemployment rates for counties in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA Metropolitan Statistical Area, not seasonally adjusted, July 2015



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.